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EDITOR CITES NEED FOR GREATER MINE SURVEILLANCE

The recent locting of gypsum mines, on a serious scale, again highlights the reed for more thorough mine surveillance. Within the past year, great progress has been made in transforming short-sighted concepts of self-aggrandizement into a far-sighted consideration of mass benefit. Greater surveillance is now required in mining to preserve these gains.

We cannot stop the practice of looting as long as the masses do not clearly perceive the gravity of the situation. In certain publicly operated enterprises, leaders and cadres seem unaware of their willful offense; they claim "no knowledge that the government has passed such laws." These persons must somehow be sharply awakened to the facts. The masses especially need education in mine surveillance, to complement the normal legal procedures for hardling the problem.

The government should increase the dissemination of propaganda in the major producing areas and clarify to the masses the laws which pertain to the matter. Propaganda has been poorly handled in the past on various administrative levels apparticularly by mining ch'u governments. Law is effective only insefar as it is widely comprehended. Laws pertaining to mine surveillance likewise will be ineffectual until they have been thoroughly promulgated and clarified to the masses.

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